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Prior Application:

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application

Serial No. 09/720,596, filed on December 26, 2000, entitled MECHANICAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND

INJECTOR HEAD EMPLOYING THE MECHANISM, by the following named inventor: Ken TAKACHI.

1. 🔀	I hereby state that the enclosed application contains no new matter.				
2.	Oath or Declaration a. Newly executed (original or copy) b. Sopy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) i. Deletion of inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFF 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).				
3. 🛛	Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereb incorporated by reference therein.				
4.	Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.				
5. 🛛	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.				
6 🕅	Cancel claims 1-7				



DOCKET NUMBER: 57454-998 7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:						
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT	
Total Claims	7	-20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.	
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.	
Basic Application Fee						
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$0.00						
Total Application Fee						
Subtract ½ if small of					\$385.	
	TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				\$385.	

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	AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO: 500417 \$385.00		
7a. 🗌	Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.		
7Ь. 🗌	A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.		
8a. 🛚	PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500417 in the amount of \$385.00		
8b. 🛚	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. <u>09/720,596</u> or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.		
9. 🛛	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:		
	This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. <u>09/720,596</u> filed <u>December 26, 2000</u> , which is a 371 of <u>PCT/JP00/02694</u> , filed <u>April 24, 2000.</u>		
10. 🛛	Priority of Application Serial No. <u>11-117918</u> filed on <u>April 26, 1999</u> , in <u>Japan</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119.		
11. 🛛	The prior application is assigned of record to		
	Ken TAKACHI (Independent Inventor) Hyogo, Japan		
12. 🖾	The power of attorney in the prior application is to:		
	McDermott, Will & Emery		

13. 🔲 Also enclosed: DOCKET NUMBER: 57454-998

14. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until .

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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